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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's

attention to the document listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the

document so listed is enclosed.

Huasheng et al., "Face tracking using skin-color model and gabor wavelet",
IEEE 0-7803-7488-6/02, pp. 837-840.

The foregoing document was cited during prosecution of the parent

application 09/466,907 from which the present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C.

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Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and returning the initialed form to Applicant with the next communication.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,
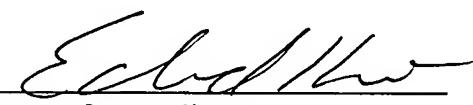
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		Huasheng et al., "Face tracking using skin-color model and gabor wavelet", IEEE 0-7803-7488-6/02, pp. 837-840.

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